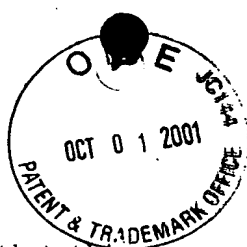


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In the Translated Specification:

Page 1, replace the paragraph on lines 3-4 with:

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